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SUBJ: SPC MEETING, OCT 7 PM: APARTHEID

1. OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SYG ETEKI BEGAN DEBATE ON APARTHEID WITH FIERY ADDRESS URGING EXCLUSION OF VORSTER REGIME FROM UN. HE DENOUNCED "COMPLACENCY AND COMPLICITY" OF US REGARDING APARTHEID. WHEN US SAYS THAT DEMOCRACY ALLOWS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, ONE WONDERS, HE CONTINUED, ABOUT THE NATURE OF DEMOCRACY IN US. HOW CAN US BLOCKADE CUBA, BUT NOT SOUTH AFRICA? APARTHEID IS A PROBLEM OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, HE CONCLUDED.

2. IN INTRODUCING REPORT OF APARTHEID COMMITTEE, THAT COMMITTEE'S RAPPORTEUR, VALDERRAMA (PHILIPPINES) CHARACTERIZED APARTHEID AS "THREAT TO PEACE." HE CRITICIZED COUNTRIES STILL MAINTAINING RELATIONS AND MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. VALDERRAME PRAISED PHILIPPINE VOTE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS.

3. APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OGBU (NIBERIA) DESCRIBED
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REPRESENTATIVES OF PAC AND ANC AS AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVES

OF SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. UNIVERSALITY IS NOT DESIRABLE, IF IT INCLUDES A COUNTRY SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA IN UN. HE ATTACKED ROYAL NAVY'S JOINT EXERCISES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY, DESCRIBING SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT AS "JUSTIFICATION AND PRETEXT," WHICH SHOULD BE ABROGATED. CONTINUING, OGBU CRITICIZED FRENCH PROVISION OF SOPHISTICATED MILITARY MATERIEL TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND HAVAL EXERCISES INVOLVING THE "JEANNE D'ARC" AND A FRENCH BUILT SOUTH AFRICAN SUBMARINE. OGBU ALSO ATTACKED BIERMANN VISIT TO WASHINGTON, NATO'S STUDY OF "SECRET CONTINGENCY PLANS", AND USE OF COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT WESTLAKE, NEAR CAPETOWN. OGBU ALLEGED THAT FRENCH ALSO ARE TRYING TO SELL A MISSILE SYSTEM WHICH THEY HELPED SOUTH AFRICA TO DEVELOP. CONTINUING, OGBU QUESTIONED SALE OF PERSIAN GULF OIL TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WITH TRANSPORT AROUND CAPE OF GOOD HOPE: HOW CAN THIS BE IF BOTH VENDORS AND BUYERS SAY THAT THEY OPPOSE APARTHEID? TURNING TO SC DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, OGBU SAID HE EXPECTED COOPERATION OF PERMANENT MEMBERS, ADDING THAT VETO SHOULD NOT BE INSTRUMENT TO SUPPORT RACISM, AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS WILL ACT WITH "COURAGE AND INTEGRITY." OGBU THEN ALLEGED COOPERATION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL, IRAN, PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA, BOLIVIA AND COLOMBIA.

4. BRAZILIAN NEXT SPOKE TO DEFEND, ON ADMINISTRATIVE GROUNDS, ELEVATION OF BRAZILIAN LEGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA TO EMBASSY.

5. LAST SPEAKER, REPRESENTATIVE OF PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS, URGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA BE EXPELLED AND SEAT LEFT VACANT UNTIL "DEMOCRATIC GOVT" ESTABLISHED TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN UN. WHEN INTERESTS OF SUPERPOWERS ARE INVOLVED, THEY MOBILIZE THEIR FORCES. HE CITED US AS BLOCKING REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, FOR EXAMPLE. SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS ARE COMMITTED TO SEIZING FREEDOM WITH THEIR OWN HANDS. THERE ARE THREE "POLITICAL PYGMIES" ON SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION: "PUPPETS WHO ARE WILLING VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES."

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